



Attorney Docket No.: YU/110

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : William C. Sessa et al.  
Application No. : 10/554,252 Confirmation No. : 2742  
Filed : January 18, 2007  
Group Art Unit : 1646  
Examiner : Prema Maria Mertz  
For : A NOVEL REGULATOR OF ENDOTHELIAL CELL  
FUNCTION AND VESSEL REMODELING

New York, New York  
August 4, 2008

**Mail Stop: Amendment**  
Commissioner for Patents  
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT  
AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

This responds to the April 4, 2008 Office Action in the above-identified application. Applicants have petitioned concurrently herewith for a three-month extension of time for responding to that action under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), together with the requisite extension fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(3). With this extension of time, a response is due on or before August 4, 2008. Thus, this reply is timely filed.

Kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.